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Employment History

- 2017 – ▶ **Staff Scientist** Oak Ridge National Laboratory
- 2016 – 2017 ▶ **Post-Doctoral Research Associate** University of Tennessee - Knoxville
- 2012 – 2016 ▶ **Graduate Research Assistant** Purdue University
- 2009 – 2012 ▶ **Mechanical Design Co-Op** JR Automation

Education

- 2012 – 2016 ▶ **Ph.D., Purdue University** Materials Engineering
Thesis title: *Modeling fluid interactions with the rigid mush in alloy solidification*
- 2010 – 2012 ▶ **MSE, Grand Valley State University** Product Design and Manufacturing Engineering
Thesis title: *Refinement of the cast microstructure of hypereutectic aluminum-silicon alloys with an applied electric potential*
- 2007 – 2012 ▶ **BSE, Grand Valley State University** Mechanical Engineering
Graduation with honors, mathematics minor

Professional Service

- 2012 – ▶ **TMS Solidification Committee, AM Bridge Committee, Symposium Organizer**
- 2023 – ▶ **ASM Historic Landmark Committee**
- 2010 – ▶ **Tau Beta Pi MI-λ Chapter**
- 2021 – ▶ **CM4QC Working Group 3**

Awards

- 2023 ▶ **R&D 100 Finalist - OpeN-AM R&D Magazine**
- ▶ **Team Award – DuAlumin-3D DOE Vehicle Technologies Office**
- 2022 ▶ **Team Research Award ORNL MSTD**
- ▶ **R&D 100 Award - DuAlumin-3D R&D Magazine**
- 2021 ▶ **R&D 100 Finalist - HTP Alloys R&D Magazine**
- 2020 ▶ **Innovation Award ORNL**
- 2019 ▶ **Outstanding Reviewer Acta Materialia**
- 2016 ▶ **Teaching Academy Graduate Teaching Award Purdue University**
- 2012 ▶ **Co-op Student of the Year GVSU**
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